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## **SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, January 11, 2021 via Zoom webinar.

### **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Robert J. Ferri  
Councilwoman Lammis J. Vargas  
Councilwoman Aniece Germain  
Council Vice-President Edward J. Brady  
Councilman Matthew R. Reilly, Vice-Chair  
Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli, Chair  
Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas

Also Present: Anthony Moretti, Director of Administration  
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor  
Major Robert Quirk, Police Department  
Chief Stephen MacIntosh, Fire Department  
David Dimaio, City Council Budget Analyst  
Leanne Zarrella, City Clerk  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees  
Heather Finger, Stenographer

### **II. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved a recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **III. CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS:**

None.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

**AUTO REPAIR LICENSE**

***J&S Auto Repair II, LLC. d/b/a J&S Auto Repair II***

899 Pontiac Ave.

**(Cont'd from 12/7 for NO SHOW)**

Joseph Hoyle

**Joseph Hoyle** appeared to speak.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to approve this license application.

Under Discussion:

**Council President Paplauskas** asked what the hours of operation will be. Mr. Hoyle stated that the hours will be Mondays thru Fridays 7 am to 6 pm.

No one appeared to oppose.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve this license application and motion passed unanimously.

**EMPLOYMENT AGENCY LICENSE**

***Empire Staffing Inc.***

1289 Cranston St.

**(Cont'd from 12/7)**

Peter Avila

**Peter Avila**, President and CEO, appeared to speak and stated hours of operation will be Mondays thru Fridays 8-4:30.

No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilman Reilly, it was voted to approve this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

**VICTUALLING LICENSE**

***2Sisters 4 Good, LLC d/b/a 2Sisters 4 Good***

82 Rolfe Sq.

**(Cont'd from 12/7 for NO SHOW)-** Melissa Talevi

**Melissa Talevi** appeared to speak.

No one appeared to oppose.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve this license application and motion passed unanimously.

**V. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Including Ordinances)**

**USED CAR LICENSE**

*New World Processing Inc. d/b/a LaSalle Auto Sales*  
Elias Makhlouf

492 Reservoir Ave.

**Elias Makhlouf** appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to approve this license application.

Under Discussion:

**Jillyan Zambarano**, 123 Moran St., appeared to speak and stated that she lives on the side of this business. She indicated that across the street from this business is an empty lot and they erected a fence with large commercial backhoes stored there. She is concerned of tow trucks blocking her driveway, traffic congestion and lighting.

**Mr. Makhlouf** stated that the lot Ms. Zambarano is speaking about has a building and that building has just been sold and the person owns a construction company and it is not connected to his business at all. The building she is referring to is 480 Reservoir Ave.

**Council President Paplauskas** asked Mr. Makhlouf what type of operation this will be. Mr. Makhlouf stated that right now, he does auto repairs and he would like to increase his business by selling used cars. Council President Paplauskas asked Mr. Makhlouf how many cars he is going to have on the lot at one time. Mr. Makhlouf stated that it depends, on average, he would have between five to 10 cars. Council President asked Clerk how many cars are allowed per the site plan.

**Clerk** stated that the site plan in the file has not been signed by the Traffic Engineer. She stated that the license could be granted subject to the approval of the Traffic Engineer Council President Paplauskas

**Council President Paplauskas** asked what the hours of operation will be. Mr. Makhlouf stated that as of now, the hours will be Mondays thru Fridays 8-6, Saturdays 8-1 and closed Sundays.

**Councilwoman Vargas** asked applicant if there will be towing after the closing hours to this business. Mr. Makhlouf stated that he does not own a towing truck and does not do towing. If a car is towed to his business, there usually isn't any towing after hours.

**Ms. Zambarano** asked where the cars will be stored. Mr. Makhlouf stated that they will be on his property.

Motion and second to approve this license application were withdrawn.

Council President Paplauskas motioned to approve this license and the Auto Repair License pending the number of cars approved by the Traffic Engineer with a three month review of this applicant to come back and give update on how this license is going. Councilwoman Vargas seconded the motion.

Under Discussion:

**Council President Paplauskas** asked that the Administration have the Inspections Department go to the other property where equipment is being stored and see if they are in violation and update be given in three months when this comes back.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve this license application with a three month review and motion passed unanimously.

**VI. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:**

**HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE**

***Premium Brands OPCO LLC. d/b/a Ann Taylor #1199***

59 Hillside Rd.

(change of owner)

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilman Reilly, it was voted to continue this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

***Premium Brands OPCO LLC. d/b/a Loft #0356***

83 Hillside Rd.

(change of owner)

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Council President Paplauskas, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to continue this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

**VICTUALLING LICENSE**

***Bestway 4 Corporation-***

1353 Park Ave.

Jasim Master

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Council President Paplauskas, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to continue this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

***Joseph Pizzeria***

1860 Broad St.

Tomasa Tum

**Tomasa Tum** appeared to speak.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Council President Paplauskas, it was voted to approve this license application.

Under Discussion:

**Councilwoman Vargas** asked what the hours of operation will be. Mr. Tum stated the hours will be 10-11 seven days a week.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve this license application and motion passed unanimously.

**VII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:**

No business.

**VIII. SHOW CAUSE:**

None.

**IX. POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Council Vice-President Brady** asked Major Quirk to speak regarding the patches program that the department is currently doing.

**Major Quirk** stated that they have two patches out, both in celebration of St. Joseph's Day and St. Patrick's Day. He also stated that there are numerous ones, such as Christmas, Breast Cancer Awareness, among others, and all monies from these patches are donated to various charities.

**X. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

No business.

**XI. LICENSE RENEWALS:**

**EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION LICENSE**

*Colbea Enterprises, LLC. d/b/a Colbea Enterprises*

1207 Pontiac Ave.

**HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE**

*Colbea Enterprises, LLC. d/b/a Colbea Enterprises*

1207 Pontiac Ave.

**MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE**

*Erin O'Cain, LMT*

*Healing Elements Skincare-Courtney DiResto*

*KML Therapy-Kristen Leporacci*

845 Oaklawn Ave., Ste. 202

105 Sockanosset Cross Rd.

150 Midway Rd.

**PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE**

*Paul G. Hughes #495*

7 Eva Lane

**SEPTAGE HAULER LICENSE (See List)**

**VICTUALLING LICENSE**

<i>Baby's Bonetown Enterprises LLC d/b/a Bonetown Burgers &amp; BBQ</i>	39 Phenix Ave.
<i>Breakfast Club On Phenix</i>	245 Phenix Ave.
<i>Dee's Deli</i>	1296 Cranston St.
<i>Inc. Cranston, LLC. d/b/a Garden City Nutrition</i>	125 Sockanosset Cross Rd.
<i>Maria's Pizza</i>	949 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Pawtuxet Village Café d/b/a Beans and Buns</i>	2166 Broad St.
<i>RI Services for the Blind-Coffee Plus VF#76</i>	1511 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Superior Bakery</i>	1234 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Uncle Sushi &amp; Grill</i>	570 Reservoir Ave

**Council President Paplauskas** indicated to the Septage Hauler License list and Oak & Pallet should have been listed as a New License. He asked Solicitor if the Committee can vote on this since it is listed on the agenda with the Renewals or can we ratify it next month. Solicitor stated that it would be easier for the Committee to ratify it next month. Council President Paplauskas stated that the representative from Oak & Pallet is present on the call and asked for him to speak. Russell Henry appeared to speak.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilman Reilly, it was voted to approve all the above-listed license renewal applications except "Oak & Pallet". Motion passed unanimously.

**XII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES:**

*848 PARK THEATRE (No events for month of January)*

*RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET (No list provided for month of January)*

No action needed.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees